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MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - 17 JANUARY 2005



"I said to my children, 'I'm going to work and do everything that I can do to see that you get a good education. I don't ever want you to forget that there are millions of God's children who will not and cannot get a good education, and I don't want you feeling that you are better than they are. For you will never be what you ought to be until they are what they ought to be.'"

-- Martin Luther King, Jr., 7th January, 1968

The world was shocked when Dr. King was assassinated in 1968. Ever since, special memorial services have marked his birthday on January 15. By vote of Congress, the third Monday of every January, beginning in 1986, is now a federal holiday in Dr. King's honor.

More Links:

- **About the USA: Holidays > Martin Luther King Day**
<http://usa.usembassy.de/holidays-mlking.htm>
- **Facts for Features by the U.S. Census Bureau: Martin Luther King Day**
http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/003065.html
- **Stanford University: Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project**
<http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/>

!!! Featured Event - Lecture/discussion for students and teachers !!!

January 27, 2005

16:00-17:30

Dr. Horace Huntley: "Reminiscence of Birmingham, Alabama, 1950s and 1960s - The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute's Oral History Project"

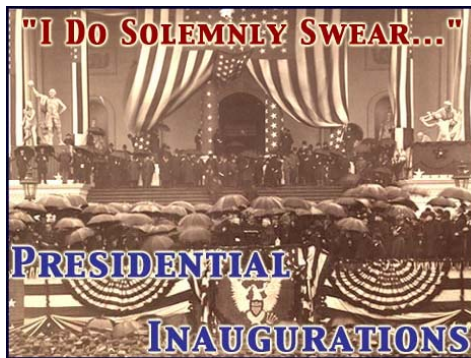
Place: Leipzig University / Neues Geisteswissenschaftliches Zentrum (Beethovenstraße 15) - 5th floor - seminar room 2516

Dr. Huntley is Director of the Oral History Project at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and Professor of History at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Huntley will talk about "Reminiscence of Birmingham, Alabama, 1950s and 1960s - The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute's Oral History Project." He will share some personal memories and will talk about the Oral History project.

INAUGURATION - JANUARY 20TH, 2005

Library of Congress - American Memory: Presidential Inaugurations

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pihome.html>



"I Do Solemnly Swear . . .": Presidential Inaugurations is a collection of approximately 400 items or 2,000 digital files relating to inaugurations from George Washington's in 1789 to George W. Bush's inauguration of 2001. This presentation includes diaries and letters of presidents and of those who witnessed inaugurations, handwritten drafts of inaugural addresses, broadsides, inaugural tickets and programs, prints, photographs, and sheet music.

A key objective of this online presentation is to make accessible to the public, many of the treasures and other important primary source materials held by the Library of Congress as well as by other institutions. The collection has been organized chronologically by presidential inauguration and an effort has been made to offer a balanced number of items for each inaugural event.

More Links:

- **About the USA: Government > Executive Branch**
<http://usa.usembassy.de/government-executive.htm>
- **George Bush 43rd President of the United States**
<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/bush43rdp/>
- **Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies**
<http://inaugural.senate.gov/2005/index.cfm>

- **The 55th Presidential Inaugural Committee**
<http://www.inaugural05.com/>
- **Avalon Project at Yale Law School: Inaugural Addresses of the Presidents**
<http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/presiden/inaug/inaug.htm>

Tsunami in Asia

- **U.S. Mission to Germany: Policy News > Global Issues**
<http://www.usembassy.de/germany/policy/global.html>
- **U.S. State Department: International Information Programs > U.S. Response to Tsunami and Earth Quake in Asia**
http://usinfo.state.gov/sa/south_asia/tsunamis.html
- **U.S. Agency for International Development**
http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/tsunami/
- **U.S. Defense Department: U.S. Forces Relief Efforts**
<http://www.defenselink.mil/home/features/tsunami/>
- **Electronic Journal: Improving Lives - Military Humanitarian and Assistance Programs, November 2004**
<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itps/1104/ijpe/ijpe1104.htm>

2004 Statistical Abstract Of The United States

United States Department of Commerce. Bureau of the Census. December 2004

<http://www.census.gov/prod/www/statistical-abstract-04.html>

This annual compendium of data is the single most useful statistical source for data on the United States. The Table of Contents page allows one to browse the publication section-by-section, including the sections on basic population data, income, trade, energy, arts and elections. The page cited above allows one to search the 2004 edition as well as past editions. The U.S. Census Bureau also collects international data and produces good quality cross-country tables on a number of factors; see "Section 30 - Comparative International Statistics" at the web site below for these international comparisons.

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